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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness. -- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Bundy Ranch Surprise: Agents told to stop day before major confrontation with anti-government protesters

By Robert Anglen

LAS VEGAS — Law-enforcement officers were ordered by the federal special agent in charge to cease "all operations" hours before an armed standoff at a Nevada ranch in 2014.

But they did not. Three law-enforcement officers, including U.S. Parks Police Officer Tara McBride, testified in federal court Thursday that they maintained their positions, anticipating a bloody gunfight at Bundy Ranch.

This was one of the first times law-enforcement officials have publicly acknowledged the government orders to back down.

The six-day standoff reached a climax on April 12, 2014, as hundreds of protesters formed a line across a wash near Interstate 15 about 80 miles north of Las Vegas. Armed men took up positions on the overpass, sighting their rifles at federal agents below.

The six men are the first of 17 defendants to go on trial on charges stemming from the Bundy Ranch standoff. The defendants could spend the rest of their lives in prison if convicted.

Defense lawyer Richard Tanasi said if federal agents had followed the order to cease operations, the standoff could have been defused.

On April 12, supervisors ordered McBride to advance with three team members and fire non-lethal gas and pepper spray at protesters.

She said they approached the line of 100 protesters in the wash in a tactical "stack formation." McBride was in the lead behind a ballistic shield, followed by an officer armed with a gun loaded with pepper rounds, a third carrying a gas-canister launcher and a rifleman for protection.

Thursday wrapped up the second week of testimony by government witnesses in one of the West's most high-profile land-use cases.

For decades, the Bureau of Land Management repeatedly ordered rancher Cliven Bundy to remove his cattle from federal lands and in 2014 obtained a court order to seize his cattle as payment for more than $1 million in unpaid grazing fees.

In April 2014, the BLM, led by Dan Love, BLM special agent in charge of operations, implemented a roundup of 1,000 cows.

The BLM abandoned the roundup without a shot being fired.

The standoff was hailed as a victory by militia members. Cliven Bundy's sons, Ammon and Ryan Bundy, cited their success at Bundy Ranch in their run-up to the siege of an Oregon wildlife refuge in 2016, also in protest of BLM policies. An Oregon federal jury acquitted Ammon, Ryan and five others in October.

In Thursday's testimony, federal prosecutors led law-enforcement officers through descriptions of their fear as they faced down armed protesters. They described seeing at least two protesters tracking them with rifles.

Defense attorneys hammered away at the witnesses, repeatedly pointing out that no shots were fired and no attacks were made.

Defendant Todd Engel asked questions about the threat officers faced while pictures showed other law-enforcement officials walking around the wash unprotected and with their backs to the armed men with rifles, not bothering to take cover and talking in the open.

The defendants argue that federal agents incited the violence against people exercising their constitutionally protected rights to assemble and bear arms.

Prosecutors counter that the protesters are lawbreakers who illegally pointed weapons at law-enforcement officers and conspired to block a lawful court order.

Defense attorney Shawn Perez said if the order to cease operations had been followed and law enforcement had started packing up instead of ratcheting up, militia members would have dispersed.

The government's case is already facing significant challenges.

Love, who led the Bundy Ranch operations and was considered the government's key witness, has been named in federal misconduct probe citing ethical violations that occurred in 2015 at the Burning Man event in Nevada's Black Rock Desert.

Federal investigators said Love wrongly used his influence to obtain benefits for himself and his family members, abused federal law-enforcement resources and intimidated other BLM staff to keep quiet about his conduct. They also accused the agent of manipulating BLM hiring practices to help a friend get hired.

-- Arizona Republic March 3, 2017

How the Media Are Using Encryption Tools to Collect Anonymous Tips

By Sam Sanders

The growth in the use of end-to-end encryption technology has led

news organizations to highlight the multiple high-tech ways you can now send them anonymous tips.

The Washington Post, The New York Times, and *ProPublica* have launched Web pages outlining all the ways you can leak to them. ProPublica highlights three options (in addition to the Postal Service): the encrypted messaging app Signal, an encrypted email program called PGP (or GPG), and an anonymous file sharing system called SecureDrop. *The Washington Post* highlights *six* digital options.

SecureDrop, created by the Freedom of the Press Foundation, was made just for newsrooms to accept anonymous tips. Signal, the premier encrypted messaging app on the market right now, was created with a more universal purpose.

Moxie Marlinspike, of Signal, says it's for everyone who might not be aware that a lot of their communication might not actually be private.

A recent *Washington Post* article stated that some White House staffers are relying on an encrypted messaging app called Confide to communicate with each other without using official phones or email, out of a fear of leaks.

But using an app like that — for official White House communications — raises red flags for former Deputy Labor Secretary Chris Lu.

Lu says, "We were given very clear training and guidance about the Presidential Records Acts and maintaining documents." (That law is meant to ensure that communications in the White House are maintained for historical purposes.)

Marlinspike says with the growth of apps like Signal and encryption technology, there might not ever be a way to tell just how ubiquitous all this high-tech leaking becomes. Often the data is so secret that there are few metrics to read, if any. "We don't have any information about our users," Marlinspike says. "That's how end-to-end encryption works: Even us, we don't have that kind of information." -- npr.org Feb. 27, 2017

Shocker: NBC News Segment On 'Ghost Guns' Is Riddled With Inaccuracies

By Matt Vespa

NBC News reported on February 9 that "ghost guns" made from AR-15 gun kits are being used in crimes across the country. NBC sent a kit to a former ATF agent, Rick Vasquez who assembled it within "a couple of hours," according to reporter Jeff Rossen.

Luckily, Stephen Gutowski of the Washington Free Beacon raked NBC over the coals. First, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives isn't familiar with these firearms, despite NBC's claims that they're being used all over the place. Second, it's not legal for prohibited persons to own firearms, even if it does come in separate parts for assembly. Last, Gutowski spoke with Vasquez who said that the assembly didn't take a couple of hours and that there's more to it than using a simple power drill to finish a lower component (the part that's considered the gun).

ATF agent Graham Barlowe is quoted in the NBC News piece warning that some criminals are attempting to manufacture guns with the kits in question - but federal law already prohibits them from doing so.

Vasquez said he spent about eight hours with the NBC crew but he felt the piece didn't accurately show the manufacturing process.

"Nothing that I said was misrepresented. There just wasn't enough depth," Vasquez told the Free Beacon. "I wish there had been more discussion about the actual manufacturing of the firearm."

The segment doesn't show the milling that's required to turn an 80 percent AR-15 lower component into a finished lower component—a process requiring specialty power tools like a drill press or CNC machine.

So, there is no "loophole" regarding gun kits and criminals. If felons try to buy and manufacture a rifle from these kits, they're breaking the law and could go to jail. It's just another instance of felons once again breaking the law. NBC refused to speak with Gutowski.

The only question remaining is if these ghost guns can shoot a .30 caliber clip with 30 bullets in half a second from a thirty magazine clip. Yeah, according to California State Sen. Kevin de Leon--speaking about so-called ghost guns back in 2014

-- townhall.com February 21, 2017

The Schadenfreude Files: Tucson Mayor carjacked

By Miguel.GFZ

"Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild was carjacked Saturday morning. Shortly before 11 a.m., the mayor was leaving his home when he was greeted by a man holding a pistol, who demanded to know where his car was parked," Rothschild told the Arizona Daily Star.

"Rothschild said that he pointed to his city-owned Toyota Prius and the man demanded he hand over the keys. The mayor complied, and the carjacker left the scene in the Prius."

I am guessing the Bloomberg Merit Badge [awarded to mayors who join "Mayors Against Illegal Guns"] did not work as advertised.

Taxpayers will probably now have to foot the bill of protection for the mayor… correction ARMED protection for the mayor.

-- gunfreezone.net February 19, 2017

Schadenfreude: enjoyment obtained from the troubles of others

The FBI Has Quietly Investigated White Supremacist Infiltration of Law Enforcement

By Alice Speri

White supremacists and other domestic extremists maintain an active presence in U.S. police departments and other law enforcement agencies according to a classified FBI Counterterrorism Policy Guide from April 2015, obtained by The Intercept. The FBI's Known or Suspected Terrorist (KST) File, notes that "domestic terrorism investigations focused on militia extremists, white supremacist extremists, and sovereign citizen extremists often have identified active links to law enforcement officers."

In a heavily redacted version of an October 2006 FBI internal intelligence assessment, the agency raised the alarm over white supremacist groups' "historical" interest in "infiltrating law enforcement communities or recruiting law enforcement personnel."

That report appeared after a series of scandals involving local police and sheriff's departments. In Los Angeles, for example, in 1991 in a local sheriff's department. In Chicago in 2008 Jon Burge, a police detective, over the torture of at least 120 black men. In Cleveland, a number of police officers scrawled "racist or Nazi graffiti" in their department's locker rooms. In Texas, two police officers were fired when it was discovered they were Klansmen.

Although the FBI has not publicly addressed the issue of white supremacist infiltration of law enforcement since that 2006 report, in 2015 FBI Director James Comey acknowledged: "All of us in law

enforcement must be honest enough to acknowledge that much of our history is not pretty."

In 2009 a Department of Homeland Security intelligence study, written in coordination with the FBI, warned of the "resurgence" of right-wing extremism. "Right-wing extremists will attempt to recruit and radicalize returning veterans in order to exploit their skills and knowledge derived from military training and combat."

The report caused an uproar among conservatives, who were particularly angered by the suggestion that veterans might be implicated, and by the broad brush with which the report seemed to paint a range of right-wing groups.

Faced with mounting criticism, DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano disavowed the document and apologized to veterans. The agency "stopped doing intel on that, and that was that," Heidi Beirich, who leads the Southern Poverty Law Center's tracking of extremist groups.

Daryl Johnson, the lead researcher on the DHS report who now runs DT Analytics, a consulting firm that analyzes domestic extremism, says the problem has since gotten "a lot more troublesome."

Johnson singled out the Oath Keepers and the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association for their anti-government attitudes and efforts to recruit active as well as retired law enforcement officers.

After a series of investigations uncovered substantial numbers of extremists in the military, the Department of Defense moved to impose stricter screenings, including monitoring recruits' tattoos for white supremacist symbols and discharging those found to espouse racist views.

Reforming police, as it turns out, is a lot harder, because of the decentralized way in which the thousands of police departments across the country operate, the historical affinity of certain police departments with the same racial ideologies espoused by extremists, and an even broader reluctance to do much about it.

"If you look at the history of law enforcement in the U.S., it is a history of white supremacy, to put it bluntly," said Pete Simi, a sociologist at Chapman University who spent decades studying the proliferation of white supremacists in the U.S. military. Simi cites the origin of U.S. policing in the slave patrols of the 18th and 19th centuries. "More recently, just going back 50 years, law enforcement, particularly in the South, was filled with Klan members."

Most police departments don't screen prospective officers for hate group affiliation. The SPLC has reported that the number of these groups peaked at more than 1,000 in 2011, from less than half that in the late 1990s, though experts like Simi note that many of these groups "come and go" and membership between them is often fluid.

According to the Counterterrorism Policy Guide, the FBI has the option to mark a watchlisted police officer as a Known or Suspected Terrorist thus preventing queries to the National Crime Information Center, a clearinghouse for crime data accessible to law enforcement agencies nationwide.

The FBI document singles out white supremacist groups for their ties to law enforcement, and also militia extremists and sovereign citizen extremists. While there is plenty of overlap between them, the last group, in particular, is characterized by deep anti-government ideology and the belief that "even though they physically reside in this country, they are separate or 'sovereign' from the United States," the FBI notes on its website. "As a result, they believe they don't have to answer to any government authority, including courts, taxing entities, motor vehicle departments, or law enforcement."

Civil rights groups have denounced the Known or Suspected Terrorist database's lack of transparency and the vague formulation of its standards. In a detailed analysis of the KST watchlist based on documents obtained through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, the ACLU observed that the goal of the list "is not law enforcement, but the surveillance and tracking of individuals for indefinite periods." The April 2016 report characterized the watchlist as "essentially a black box — an opaque and expanding accumulation of names." – The Intercept Jan. 31, 2017

Chaffetz subpoenas ATF agents who skipped hearing on death of ICE officer

House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz issued subpoenas Thursday to two ATF agents after they failed to show at a hearing examining the 2011 murder of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent Jaime Zapata.

The hearing was meant to examine alleged lapses in the ATF's investigation into the trafficking of guns used in the February attack that killed Zapata and wounded his ICE colleague, Special Agent Victor Avila.

ATF Acting Director Thomas Brandon said Thursday he did not order William Temple, special agent in charge of the Dallas Field Division, and Ronald Turk, associate ATF deputy director to skip the hearing -- but agreed with their decision not to appear, which drew a bipartisan rebuke from Chaffetz and ranking Democrat Elijah Cummings.

Questions about the firearms used to kill Zapata surfaced during the congressional probe of Operation Fast and Furious and the death of Border Patrol agent Brian Terry.

The IG issued its Operation Fast and Furious report in 2012, but did not issue its report on the Zapata case until March 1.

According to the report, two weapons used in Zapata's murder were traced back to Otilio Osorio, who bought his gun at a Dallas gun show, and Robert Riendfliesh, who purchased a gun at a pawn shop in Beaumont, Texas.

The IG said the ATF were aware in 2010 that Osorio and his brother might be trafficking firearms to Mexico, but they did not follow up or further investigate until after Zapata's death.

The report said there was "probable cause" to arrest Osorio and his brother "after ATF witnessed the Osorios complete a transfer of 40 firearms on November 9, 2010."

The IG said: "Overall, we found numerous problems with ATF's assimilation of information concerning [the suspects] ... and the timeliness of ATF's response to mounting evidence that they were committing firearms offenses."

Last week, Chaffetz and Sen. Grassley sent a letter demanding Justice explain the reason the investigation has dragged on after "nearly five years."

-- foxnews.com March 9, 2017

Police falsely told a man he couldn't film them

Jesse Bright was driving part-time for Uber, but he works full-time as criminal defense attorney in North Carolina. Bright said he believes strongly that when people record their interactions with police, it helps reduce confusion if their cases end up in court.

As he aimed his phone in the direction of officers and recorded, Bright was surprised to hear Wilmington police Sgt. Kenneth Becker

tell him that there was a new state law that prohibited him from recording police.

Bright told The Washington Post that he knew better — no such law exists in North Carolina.

A tense exchange followed, with Becker telling Bright to step out of his car, calling him "a jerk," then warning him that he "better hope" officers didn't find something in his vehicle.

Bright continued to record, saying, "I know my rights."

Officers searched the Uber passenger and told Bright that he'd brought the man to a drug house that was under surveillance.

Wilmington Police Chief Ralph Evangelous said that his department has "launched an internal investigation" into the Feb. 26 incident.

"Taking photographs and videos of people that are in plain sight including the police is your legal right," said a statement from the Wilmington Police Department. "As a matter of fact we invite citizens to do so when they believe it is necessary. We believe that public videos help to protect the police as well as our citizens and provide critical information during police and citizen interaction."

Bright said he never had any doubt that Becker was lying to him about the do-not-film law.

"If a police officer gives you a lawful command and that command is disobeyed, they'll arrest you," Bright said. "The fact he didn't even try to arrest me is proof that he was being dishonest."

Bright said he didn't initially want to share his story to the media, but when Becker refused to return his phone calls and the department never apologized, he decided to go public.

"I think the video shows that the police are willing to lie in order to coerce people into doing what they want them to do," he said. "You just have to know your rights."

-- washingtonpost.com March 10, 2017

NH Governor Signs 'Constitutional Carry'

By Dave Workman

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu on Wednesday signed legislation that will allow concealed carry (so-called "Constitutional carry" of firearms) without a license in his state.

Using the language of gun prohibitionists, Gov. Sununu called it "common-sense legislation," the *Concord Monitor* noted.

While eliminating the need for a carry license, it is still possible for residents to obtain one for reciprocal carry in other states. The new law also extends the life of a carry license to five years, the National Rifle Association noted in a press release.

States where "Constitutional Carry" is already legal include Arizona, Alaska, Vermont, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Kansas and West Virginia.

Idaho and Wyoming allow it for residents only. A statute in Arkansas is still reportedly in dispute.

These laws typically recognize the right of law abiding citizens to carry firearms. They do not make it possible for criminals to carry, as opponents have intimated. A bill is now before Congress that would make it legal for licensed residents of one state to carry in other states, provided they behave under the host state's laws.

-- libertyparkpresscom Feb. 22, 2017

Why Do So Many Americans Fear Muslims?

By Jon Schwarz

In an interview last March with Anderson Cooper, Donald Trump tried to puzzle out what's behind the terrorism directed at the U.S. "I think Islam hates us," Trump opined. "There's a tremendous hatred there, we've got to get to the bottom of it."

"In Islam itself?" asked Cooper. Trump responded, "You're going to have to figure that out. You'll get another Pulitzer."

Meanwhile, in private, the non-crazy members of the U.S. foreign policy establishment understand quite well that Islamist terrorism is almost wholly blowback from the foreign policy they've designed.

The 9/11 Commission report quietly acknowledged that "Right or wrong, it is simply a fact that American policy regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and American actions in Iraq are dominant staples of popular commentary across the Arab and Muslim world."

The British Chilcot Inquiry into the Iraq war cited a February, 2003 assessment by British intelligence of the consequences of an invasion of Iraq: "The worldwide threat from other Islamist terrorist groups and individuals will increase significantly."

For its part, the Defense Department's Science Board concluded in a 2004 report that "Muslims do not 'hate our freedom,' but rather, they hate our policies. The overwhelming majority voice their objections to what they see as one-sided support in favor of Israel and against Palestinian rights, and the longstanding support for what Muslims collectively see as tyrannies, most notably Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Pakistan, and the Gulf states."

When Barack Obama took office, he had two choices.

First, he could tell the truth: That the U.S. has acted with extraordinary brutality in the Middle East, that this had been the main motivation for most Islamist terrorism against us.

Second, Obama could continue trying to run the Middle East without public input.

Obviously he went with the second choice.

Obama engaged in what's generally called political correctness, by contending that Islam has *nothing* to do with terrorism. But it does — just not in the way that Frank Gaffney and Pamela Geller would tell you.

Political correctness made it impossible for the Obama administration ever to tell a story about terrorism that made any sense. For instance, in his 2009 speech in Cairo, he declared, "It is easier to blame others than to look inward" — and then went on to demonstrate that truism.

His description of wrongs done by the U.S. was vague to the point of meaninglessness: "tension has been fed by colonialism that denied rights and opportunities to many Muslims." Also, "Iraq was a war of choice that provoked strong differences in my country and around the world."

Obama then explained that "Violent extremists have exploited these tensions." So … 19 people were motivated to fly jetliners into buildings by "tensions"? If that's the only story that non-Muslim Americans hear, they'll rationally be terrified of Islam.

In 2010, Obama's counterterrorism advisor, John Brennan, emitted a similar bland puree of words when questioned by Helen Thomas about Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the failed underwear bomber. Their exchange went like this:

THOMAS: And what is the motivation? We never hear what you find out on why.

BRENNAN: I'm saying it's because of an al Qaeda organization that uses the banner of religion in a very perverse and corrupt way.

THOMAS: Why?

BRENNAN: I think this is a, uh, long issue, but al Qaeda is just determined to carry out attacks here against the homeland.

At his sentencing, Abdulmutallab explained his motivation

in less time than it took Brennan to say there wasn't enough time to explain:

"[I pledged] to attack the United States in retaliation for U.S. support of Israel and in retaliation of the killing of innocent and civilian Muslim populations in Palestine, especially in the blockade of Gaza, and in retaliation for the killing of innocent and civilian Muslim populations in Yemen, Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan and beyond, most of them women, children, and noncombatants."

That brings us to President Trump and his executive order [blocking immigration from seven mostly Muslim nations].

Trump's story about why it's necessary is, factually speaking, garbage. But a normal human being can at least understand it and its moral: These incomprehensible foreigners are all potential psychotics, we've got to keep them out. Under these circumstances, who cares that no one from any of these seven countries has killed any Americans yet? They're all part of a huge morass of ticking time bombs.

Bin Laden generally just talked about kicking the U.S. out of the Middle East and said things like, "Your security is in your own hands and each state which does not harm our security will remain safe." The ISIS magazine Dabiq cheerfully tells us that "We hate you, first and foremost, because you are disbelievers; you reject the oneness of Allah … even if you were to stop bombing us, imprisoning us, torturing us, vilifying us, and usurping our lands, we would continue to hate you because our primary reason for hating you will not cease to exist until you embace Islam."

Steve Bannon, President Trump's chief strategist, told a conference at the Vatican in 2014, that "we're in a war of immense proportions" that's part of the "long history of the Judeo-Christian West struggle against Islam." To win, Bannon says, we must form the "church militant" – an archaic term for the "Christian church on earth regarded as engaged in a constant warfare against its enemies, the powers of evil."

So it's quite possible ISIS and the Trump administration can successfully collaborate on getting what they both want: a totally unnecessary, civilizational war. To stop them we have to start telling the truth while there's still time.

-- The Intercept February 18, 2017

The EU's Anti-Free Speech Assault

France: Presidential candidate Marine Le Pen, the leader of France's right-wing National Front (FN), is likely to win in the first round of the country's elections on April 23rd. She is gaining in popularity due to her strong nationalism, her opposition to the bureaucratic European Union and her outspoken criticism of the massive waves of immigration into France.

However, she is under attack by the globalists and the media because her victory spells doom for the EU and the soft-invasion of France by immigrants.

The European Parliament voted to lift the immunity from prosecution for Le Pen for tweeting graphic images of executions by ISIS. She tweeted the photos in 2015, after a journalist compared her party to ISIS, in an effort to show the difference between her party and the extreme violence of ISIS terrorists. If she is prosecuted and convicted, she could face up to 3 years in prison and a fine of more than $100,000.

-- needtoknow.news March 3, 2017

Clean House

By Tom Fitton

One reform to consider [to lessen the transparency crisis afflicting Washington, DC] is to extend the open records law to Congress and the judiciary. The Freedom of Information Act currently only applies to the executive branch. Congress and the legislative-branch agencies, such as the Congressional Research Service, are not subject to FOIA.

It is hard to ensure "good government" when two of the branches of the federal government are exempt from open–records requirements.

Ultimately, however, the only sure way to complete the reform is for individual American citizens to become active and insist upon their rights and the integrity of their government. In the final chapter of my book, *Clean House*, I suggest a variety of actions the American people can take to be part of the reform.

-- www.judicialwatch.org Jan. 2017

African-American gun club says membership surged in Trump era

By Ryan Young

(CNN) More African-Americans appear to be taking an active interest in their right to bear arms since the election of President Trump.

The National African American Gun Association has added 9,000 members since Election Day, said Philip Smith, the group's national president. The group, launched on Feb. 28, 2015, has more than 18,000 members in 24 chapters.

In 2008, gun sales surged after President Obama's election amid fears that Obama and a Democratic-controlled Congress would move to restrict gun ownership. In contrast, sales of guns and ammo dipped immediately following Trump's election.

NAAGA leaders say that the recent increase in their membership is in response to the election result.

Dickson Amoah said several members were alarmed by attacks on African-Americans at Trump's campaign rallies and hateful rhetoric from Trump supporters on social media. That motivated them to organize a new chapter, he said.

Smith said, "Now fringe groups are kind of like, 'It's cool to be racist,' and our community sees that, and it scares us. You know what, let me get a gun just in case something happens, just to make sure."

Junior Joseph, the owner of a gun shop near a black community in Orlando, Florida, said for years most of his customers were white men. But since the election, he said he has been making more sales to black and Latino shoppers.

Rates of African-American gun ownership have typically been lower than those among whites. In 2013, 21% of black households said they had a gun, compared to 46% of non-Hispanic white households, according to the Pew Research Center. In 2014, 19% of black households reported owning a gun, compared to 41% of non-Hispanic white households.

When Martin Luther King Jr.'s home was firebombed in 1956, he applied for a concealed carry permit in the state of Alabama. Local police at that time had the right to determine who could and couldn't get a license. King's application was denied, despite the fact that his life was frequently threatened.

Being a legal gun owner while black can also be a dangerous proposition, black gun owners say, pointing to the death of Philando Castile, a licensed gun owner who was shot by a Minnesota Police officer during a traffic stop last July.

But that doesn't deter NAAGA's growing membership. They say the Second Amendment should be

for all Americans and it's a freedom they plan to exercise and encourage.

NAAGA says nationwide, black women make up the largest share of the group's new members. For new gun owners like Antoniette Singh, a retired disabled woman, it's about safety and security. She says that as a victim of assault she believes her guns give her a fighting chance against anyone who tries to attack her.

-- CNN February 27, 2017

5 Top Reasons Why David Rockefeller Will Not Be Missed

David Rockefeller, the last grandson of JD Rockefeller, died on Sunday March 19th at age 101. Mainstream media has hailed him as a philanthropist and visionary, but the programs he set in motion do not support that image. Instead, his life work has produced monopolies, cartels, and private societies to promote population control and global government based on the model of collectivism. –G. Edward Griffin

1. Founder of several secret societies. David Rockefeller was not just a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, and the Bilderberg Group – he was reportedly the founder. Through these secret societies and others like the occult Bohemian Grove club, Rockefeller conspired to control the media and governments around the world, even thanking the media for its complicity. In his "Memoirs" he wrote, "We are grateful to the Washington Post, the New York Times, Time Magazine and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years." At the June, 1991 Bilderberger meeting in Baden, Germany he said, "It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subjected to the lights of publicity during those years."

2. Population Control. In a speech in September 14, 1994, during the Annual Ambassadors' Dinner he discussed how the U.N. should sustain the world's population, noting that global life expectancy rose from 46 years in the 1960s, to 60 years at the time. 'Stabilizing the population' – as Rockefeller called it – actually meant sterilization, vaccinations, encouraging abortions, using food as a weapon, and viewing disease and war as a means of "correction" to stop population growth.

3. Rockefeller Foundation was allegedly behind unethical experiments on the population. A few include infecting Guatemalans with STDs**,** sponsoring a plot by Dr. Cornelius P. Rhoads to infect Puerto Ricans with cancer, an allegation which Rhoads strongly denied. David Rockefeller joined the Rockefeller Institute board of trustees in 1940, was its chairman from 1950 to 1975, chairman of the board's executive committee from 1975 to 1995, and became honorary chairman and life trustee.

4. Globalist connections. Through his influence in various secret societies, Rockefeller established himself as one of the globalist's main front men. Rockefeller and his affiliates had also admittedly been working against USA interests and setting up a one world political and economic structure (New World Order). In his book "Memoirs," Rockefeller admitted to being part of a "secret cabal" of people doing just this: "Some even believe we (the Rockefeller family) are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure—one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

5. Worldwide influence. A major study from the Global Policy Forum linked the Rockefeller Foundation as using their money and power to control health and agricultural policies around the globe, noting that the "mushrooming of global partnerships and vertical funds… has led to isolated and often poorly coordinated solutions" which they claim have "contributed to the institutional weakening of the United Nations… [and] undermined the implementation of integrated development strategies at national level."

-- needtoknow.news March 22,2017

Maher on London Attack: You never hear 'Merry Christmas' before bomb goes off

HBO's Bill Maher clashed with his "Real Time" panel Friday in a heated debate over Islam's role in this week's London terror attack.

A man rammed a truck into people on Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer. The attack killed four. The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria called the attacker "a soldier of the Islamic State."

"This is another example where we take one group of people and we demonize them," said Louise Mensch, a former Conservative member of the U.K. Parliament.

Maher, who often clashes with guests regarding radical Islamic terrorism, disagreed.

"Let's not pretend this has nothing to do with Islam, the religion," he said.

"Every time some bomb goes off, before it goes off, somebody yells 'Allahu Akbar!'" said Maher. "I never hear anybody go 'Merry Christmas! This one's for the flying nun!' "

"When Christians do anything like this, do we ever say, 'Christian terrorism'?" asked Yale professor and author Timothy Snyder.

"No. But is Christian terrorism as big a problem?" asked Maher in response.

"Are there Christian terrorist armies now. .. like ISIS, Al Qaeda, al-Shaabab, Boko Haram? Are there armies like that in the world that aren't Muslim?" he asked.

"I literally don't agree with you," Mensch said. "Russia is sending Chechen militants into ISIS trying to leverage this against a billion people."

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